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Utility Patent Application based on:

U.S. Serial No. 10/624,246

Filed: July 22, 2003

Inventor: James R. Massie

Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ISOLATING AND MEASURING MOVEMENT
IN A METROLOGY APPARATUS

Priority: U.S. Serial No. 09/803,268, filed March 9, 2001

REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the following change be made in the filing receipt, and that a new filing receipt be issued. The requested change is marked in red ink in the attached copy of the filing receipt. In particular, the section labeled "**Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant**" should be changed to: **This application is a CON of 09/803,268 03/09/2001 PAT 6,612,160** instead of **This application is a CON of 09/855,960 05/15/2002 PAT 6,530,268 which is a CON of 09/803,268 03/09/2001 PAT 6,612,160**. The nature and scope of this error can be confirmed by reviewing the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed simultaneously herewith. A copy of the filing receipt, with the error noted, is enclosed.



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Title

Apparatus and method for isolating and measuring movement in a metrology apparatus

Preliminary Class

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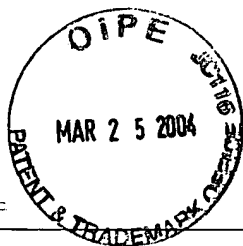
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment in connection with the above-referenced patent application, which was filed on July 22, 2003, now U.S. Serial No. 09/803,268.

Please note that this Preliminary Amendment is being filed to correct the priority claim made in connection with Applicant's July 22, 2003, filing. In particular, this application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/803,268, filed March 9, 2001, (not U.S. Ser. No. 09/855,960, as indicated previously) and as such is entitled to priority under 35 U.S.C. §120.

Also enclosed is a Request for Corrected Filing Receipt in which the Applicant respectfully requests that the correction of the priority claim be made in the filing receipt, and that a new filing receipt be issued.

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